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TO ALL EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC DIPLOMATIC POSTS

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AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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1. CHINA

REUTER (MOSCOW 4/29) REPORTED TWO CHINESE GUARDS
AT SOVIET EMBASSY IN PEKING WERE KILLED IN EXPLOSION
THERE THURSDAY, ACCORDING TASS.

AP (MOSCOW)REPORTS TASS ELABORATION THAT EXPLOSION
OCCURRED AT SOVIET EMBASSY GATES, EMBASSY B'ILDING
SUFFERED DAMAGE, AND THAT PROTEST WAS LODGED WITH
PRC AUTHORITIES IN CONNECTION WITH INCIDEHT. YUGOSLAV
NEWS AGENCY (TANJUG) IN REPORTING EXPLO"ION SAID TWO
CHINESE GUARDS INJURED SEVERELY, NOT KILLED. ADDED
THAT STREET LEADING TO EMBASSY LATER WASHED, TRACES
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OF EXPLOSION REMOVED, AND GUARD BEFORE EMBASSY DOUBLED

(SUN, CHITRIB, PHINQ; WSJ).

AFP REPORTS DIPLOMATIC SOURCE SAYING CHINESE MAN ARRESTED IN FRONT OF SOVIET EMBASSY SHORTLY AFTER EXPLOSION, BUT NOT KNOWN IF IN CONNECTION WITH EXPLOSION. AUTHORITATIVE CHINESE SOURCES SAID FRIDAY AFFAIR IS UNDER INVESTIGATION, NO CONFIRMATION ANYONE KILLED. WASHINGTON ANALYSTS

SAID THEY COULD NOT RECALL SUDDEN, UNEXPLAINED EXPLOSION LIKE THIS REPORTED BEFORE IN PEKING. ONE NOTED PIPED GAS USED IN PEKING, SO POSSIBLY WAS GAS EXPLOSION; ALSO OBSERVED THAT CITY HAS SEVERAL UNDERGROUND AIR RAID SHELTERS WHERE KEROSENE, OR OTHER EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS, MIGHT BE STORED. POINTED OUT SOVIETS CAREFUL NOT CALL THIS 'BOMB' (WP).

NYT'S GWERTZMAN REPORTS EXPLOSION SPURRED HIGH-LEVEL WASHINGTON INTEREST AND CONSIDERABLE CURIOSITY, SINCE UNCLEAR HOW BLAST OCCURRED OR WHETHER ANY POLITICAL MOTIVATION. SAYS WESTERN REPORTERS IN PEKING HAD NOT BEEN AWARE OF EXPLOSION BEFORE THEIR OFFICES INFORMED THEM OF TASS REPORT AND, UPON INSPECTION, THEY CONFIRMED SIGNS OF EXPLOSION.

TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL'S NUNRO, IN PEKING, DETAILS EVIDENCE OF SOME SORT EXPLOSION IN GUARDHOUSE AT SOVIET EMBASSY, BUT SAYS NEITHER SOVIET REPORT NOR FIRST-HAND INSPECTION YIELDED ANY INDICATION CAUSE. REPORTS HOURS AFTER EXPLOSION APPARENTLY OCCURED, SOVIET ENVOY TOLSTOKOV ATTENDED GREAT HALL DINNER, HEARD HUA DELIVER ANOTHER TOUGH ATTACK ON SOVIET AS PART OF WELCOMING TOAST FOR VISITING AUSSIE PM (NYT).

REUTER (PEKING) REPORTS OFFICIAL PRC SPOKESMAN SAID FRIDAY THAT EXPLOSION OUTSIDE SOVIET EMBASSY WAS 'ACT OF SABOTAGE BY A COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY' AND 'INVESTIGATIONS FOR DETAILS ARE STILL GOING ON.' ASKED ABOUT REPORTS ONE CHINESE ARRESTED AFTER INCIDENT, SPOKESMAN SAID 'NOTHING OF THE SORT HAPPENED.'

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HUA DELIVERED ANOTHER TOUGH ANTI-SOVIET SPEECH THURSDAY NIGHT (WP, PHINQ), WARNING NZ, OTHER PACIFIC NATIONS, BEWARE OF KREMLIN BULLYING. SPEAKING AT STATE BANQUET FOR VISITING NZ PM MULDOON, HUA ALLUDED TO SOVIET AS "MOST DANGEROUS SOURCE OF WAR' AND 'WILDLY AMBITIOUS BUT INWARDLY WEAK' SUPERPOWER. ACCORDING REUTER'S ROGERS, SOVIET AMB TOLSTIKOV, OTHER EASTERN BLOC ENVOYS, SAT STONY-FACED THROUGH HUA'S ATTACK -- ONE OF HARSH

YET DELIVERED IN GREAT HALL.

CITING RECENT PRAVDA REQUEST THAT PRC RESUME BORDER DISPUTE TALKS, CSM SAYS SOME OBSERVERS FIND NOTEWORTHY THAT ARTICLE GAVE EXTENT OF SOVIET TERRITORY CLAIMED BY CHINESE AS ABOUT 13,000 SQUARE MILES, SINCE LATE LAST YR SOVIET PRESS SAID CHINESE CLAIM SOME 600,000 SQUARE MILES.

IRRIGATION TO GROW WHEAT WHICH COULD ENABLE CHINESE SOON BECOME MAJOR WHEAT EXPORTERS. ALSO SAID HARNESSING OF UPPER REACHES PRC RIVER SYSTEMS HAS MEANT CROPS NO LONGER IN DANGER PERIODIC DESTRUCTION BY FLOODS (REUTER CANBERRA 4/29).

2. JAPAN

FORMER AMB TO UN SHIZUO SAITO NAMED SPECIAL ENVOY TO US, TO SEEK FURTHER COOPERATION IN CLEARING UP LOCKHEED CASE. FRIDAY FM TOLD PRESS SAITO LIKELY LEAVE FOR US ABOUT MAY 10 (REUTER TOKYO).

NEARLY 75,000 VISITED PALACE THURSDAY TO OFFER EMPEROR GREETINGS ON 75TH BIRTHDAY (NYDN). WIREPHOTOS IN WP, SUN, OTHERS.

MARITIME SAFETY AGENCY SAID PANAMANIAN FREIGHTER "GOLDEN LEADER" (8,159 TONS) RAN AGROUND, SANK OFF GOTO ISLANDS THURSDAY. CREW OF 24 RESCUED (REUTER, WP).

FRANK TOMORI, PORTLAND (ORE) NEWSPAPER EDITOR, WEDNESDAY EXPRESSED THANKS TO KINDLY SECURITY CHIEF OF RELOCATION CAMP IN WHICH INTERNED DURING WWII BY GIVING 1,000 DOLS UNCLASSIFIED

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CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION TO CHIEF'S SON, SEN CHURCH (UPI, NYT).

3. KOREA

NKNA RADIO, MONITORED TOKYO THURSDAY BY KYODO, REPORTED DEP PM PAK SONG-CHOL ELECTED NEW PREMIER BY FIFTH SUPREME PEOPLE'S ASSY THAT ENDED THREE-DAY MEET THURSDAY. FORMER PM KIM IL ELECTED "FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN," BELIEVED NEW POST, RANKING IMMEDIATELY UNDER PRESIDENT KIM IL SUNG (WP). NKNA SAID KIM IL RESIGNED AS PREMIER DUE ILL-HEALTH (REUTER TOKYO).

PHOENIX (ARIZ) THURSDAY DENIED UNIFICATION CHURCH PERMIT SOLICIT. CITED "MISREPRESENTATIONS" IN APPLICATION.

FIRST DENIED IN MARCH. SECT PERMIT SOLICIT NEARBY
TEMPE ALSO REVOKED. CHURCH OFFICIAL SAYS WILL APPEAL
(WP).

4. INDOCHINA

CITIES SERVICE SAYS WANTS RES;ME DRILLING IN S CHINA
SEA OFF SVN, BUT UNABLE NEGOTIATE WITH VN DUE US

NON-RECOGNITION (LANDER, JOC).

5. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

YR LATER, VIET REFUGEES IN US ADJUSTING WELL
(UPI, BALTO N-A 4/29). LIFE HARDER FOR MANY REFUGEES
IN US THAN THEY EXPECTED. MANY UNEMPLOYED, OTHERS
UNDEREMPLOYED OR EARNING SUBSISTENCE WAGES. GOVT,
PRIVATE AID BOUNTIFUL, BUT BUREAUCRATIC TANGLES,
POLITICAL MANEUVERING, HAVE ADDED TO BURDENS. FINDING
JOBS BIGGEST HURDLE (WOOTEN, NYT). CHITRIB CARRIES
BACK HALF-PAGE SPREAD AP PHOTOS EX-GEN LOAN, 8 YRS AGO
IN VN SHOOTING PRISONER, TODAY IN BURKE, VA, RESTAURANT.

NGUYEN CAO KY IN DETROIT INTERVIEW SAYS IN 1969
RECEIVED SECRET OVERTURE FROM HANOI TO NEGOTIATE END
TO WAR; TURNED DOWN OFFER WHEN NVN FAILED OFFER ADEQUATE
ASSURANCES WO'D LIVE UP TO BARGAIN, AND BECAUSE COUP
WOULD HAVE INCREASED POLITICAL INSTABILITY (FOX, PHINQ).
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6. INDOCHINA/MALAYSIA

CAMBODIA, GOM FORMALLY ESTABLISH DIP RELS AT
AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL (REUTER KL).

7. MALAYSIA

GUERRILLAS EXPLODE 5 BOMBS IN KL, CAUSE MINOR DAMAGE,
NO CASUALTIES. ANOTHER BOMB EXPLODED 5 MI NORTH
CAPITAL; POLICE CAPTURE 2 WHILE PLANTING BOMB SAME AREA
(REUTER KL).

8. THAILAND

COURT RULES FIELD MARSHAL SARIT THANARAT ESTATE OWES
7.5 MILLION DOLS TAXES FOR 6 YRS HE HEADED MIL
DICTATORSHIP (AP, NYT).

9. BURMA

COURT SENTENCES URBAN GUERRILLA TO DEATH FOR TREASON;

WAS TRIED FOR SEVERAL INCIDENTS, INCLUDING EXPLOSION
AT RANGOON RR STATION 1973 WHERE 8 DIED (AFP, WP).

10. PHILIPPINES

RC ASSN DISTRIBUTES 100-PAGE PAMPHLET ACCUSING GOP OF
TORTURING, KILLING POLITICAL DETAINEES. PUBLICATION CITES
ALLEGED CASE HISTORIES. MIL SPOKESMAN CONCEDES SOME
ABUSES PRISONERS BY FEW UNDISCIPLINED PEOPLE, BUT INSISTS

ARMED FORCES WORKING ELIMINATE SITUATION, AND ABUSES
PRISONERS NOT GENERAL THROUGHOUT ARMY (AP NYT, SUN).

11. SINGAPORE

MAR EXPORTS RISE BY 126.8 MILLION DOLS OVER SAME MONTH
LAST YR TO 514.4 MILLION (UPI, JOC).

12. AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND
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WHITLAM CHARGES FORMER GOVT MINISTER RECEIVED LARGE
SUMS LOCKHEED MONEY TO PROMOTE SALES IN AUSTRALIA
DURING LATE'50S (REUTER, NYT). LOCKHEED CORP SAYS TO
BEST OF KNOWLEDGE NO BASIS FOR ALLEGATIONS. QUOTES
JUSTICE DEPT THAT NO EVIDENCE LOCKHEED MISDEALINGS
IN AUSTRALIA (REUTER CALIF).

LA HARBOR COMMISSION OKS TRADE MISSION TO AUSTRALIA,
NZ MAY 14-31 (LAT 4/29).

SUPREME COUNCIL FOR SPORT IN AFRICA SAYS WOULD CALL
ON AFRICAN COUNTRIES NOT COMPETE AGAINST NZ IN ALL
GAMES INCLUDING OLYMPICS IF SENDS RUGBY TEAM TO S AF
IN JUNE (REUTER NAIROBI).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

13. CHINA

REUTER'S GRIFFITHS, IN PEKING, OBSERVES THAT THURSDAY
BLAST AT SOVIET EMBASSY GUARD POST CAN ONLY WORSEN
ICY SINO-SOVIET RELS. REPORTS TWO WESTERN DIPLOMATS
SAID THEY WERE TOLD BY SOVIET DIPLOS THAT EXPLOSION
CAUSED BY BOMB, OCCURRED WHEN CHINESE GROUP TRIED
ENTER EMBASSY COMPOUND, THAT CHINESE GUARDS ATTEMPTED
INTERCEPT INTRUDERS, WERE KILLED WHEN BOMB EXPLODED.
SAYS WHILE NO EXPLANATION WHAT CHINESE SPECIFICALLY
MEANT BY CALLING INCIDENT WORK OF "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY"

ELEMENTS, CCP TRADITIONALLY ALLUDES THIS WAY TO CRIMINALS, OTHER "BAD ELEMENTS." POINTS OUT HUA APPOINTMENT HAS NOT BLUNTED PEKING'S ANTI-SOVIET STANCE; HIS PUBLIC STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN STRONG AS TENG'S. SAYS LONG-DRAWN-OUT BORDER TALKS APPEAR TO HAVE TURNED INTO CUL-DE-SAC, AND CHIEF SOVIET NEGOTIATOR REPORTEDLY IN MOSCOW, NO WORD OF TALKS RESUMING.

14. HONG KONG

NYDN'S CASTRO, IN HK, FINDS INTL/BUSINESS COMMUNITY HAS CASE OF "CHINA JITTERS" AGAIN, THIS TIME BECAUSE UNCLASSIFIED

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OF REP WOLFF'S COMMENT THAT PEKING OFFICIALS TOLD HIM PRC WILL RECOVER COLONY AFTER BRITISH LEASE EXPIRES 1998. SAYS WHILE WOLFF COMMENT NOT NEW, NEVERTHELESS CAME AS JOLT AT HK, WHICH HAS LONG BEEN CONVINCING ITSELF COLONIAL STATUS QUO WOULD CONTINUE INDEFINITELY. BUT CONTENTS EVEN BEFORE WOLFF EPISODE, HK HAD BEGUN FEELING UNEASE ABOUT PROSPECTS, BOTH AS EVER-BOOMING BUSINESS TOWN AND AS COLONIAL ENTITY. FEELS THREE MONTHS OF TENG HSIAO-PING SOBERED-UP COLONY, WHICH HAD ALWAYS WANTED BELIEVE PRC STABILITY HAD COME TO STAY; INSECURITY HAS MOUNTED AS PRC REMAINS IN SIMMERING STATE.

15. JAPAN

JOC'S CHRIS BARNETT, IN HONOLULU, REVIEWS EXPLANATION OF JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN'S PSYCHOLOGY BY NIPPON STEEL'S TAD YAMADA AT RECENT CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY HAWAII INTL SERVICE AGENCY. YAMADA CITED SYSTEM OF DECISION BY GROUP CONSENSUS, BELIEF PERSONAL COMPETITION TO GET AHEAD OF COLLEAGUES IMMORAL, DESIRE FOR JOB-SECURITY ABOVE ALL. AS PRIME EXAMPLE, CITED BEHAVIOR OF LOCKHEED WITNESSES -- AMERICANS UNDER OATH HELD BACK NOTHING, BUT OUT OF LOYALTY TO COMPANY NOT ONE JAPANESE WOULD REVEAL FIRM'S INVOLVEMENT TO DIET QUESTIONERS, EVEN AT EXPENSE PERSONAL PRIDE, SACRIFICE OWN HAPPINESS.

BARNETT, IN LA, REVIEWS GROWTH OF INFANT RISK MANAGEMENT SOCIETY IN JAPAN, SPURRED BY LIABILITY-CONSCIOUS PUBLIC AND GROWING AWARENESS OF NEED CONSERVE COMPANY ASSETS. ACCORDING INSURANCE EXEC ISAO TAKEI, IRMS-J HAS 30 CORPORATE MEMBERS WAITING JOIN.

GLOBE (4/29) PRINTS TRANSCRIPT OF MIKI REPLIES IN RECENT INTERVIEW. PM SAID END VN WAR HELPED RELAX TENSIONS ASIA/PACIFIC REGION. CITED THREE FACTORS KEEP

UNDER SCRUTINY: SOV/PRC INFLUENCE IN INDOCHINA,
THAT WOULD AFFECT ECON COOPERATION BY JAPAN, US WITH
NATIONS IN AREA; N-S RELATIONS IN KOREA, THAT WILL BE
DETERMINED BY ATTITUDES OF JAPAN, US, SOV, PRC; AND
EMERGING RELATIONS AMONG SEA NATIONS, ESPECIALLY BETWEEN
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ASEAN MEMBERS AND INDOCHINA STATES, WHICH DEPENDS ON
BIG-POWER ATTITUDES. ALSO NOTED PACIFIC DOCTRINE,
ENUNCIATED AT TIME ASIAN NATIONS APPREHENSIVE ABOUT POST-
VN US POLICY, WAS "APPROPRIATE."

16. THAILAND/JAPAN

CDN'S TAMARKIN, IN BANGKOK, FINDS US BUSINESS COMMUNITY
REASSESSING STANDING IN WAKE OF PHASED US MIL PULLOUT.
AMONG MORE THAN 4,000 NONMIL US RESIDENTS ARE
THOSE WONDERING WHETHER THAI NATIONALISM DIRECTED
AT OUSTING US MIL FROM SEA MAINLAND WILL NOW TURN
AGAINST THEM; THEY ARE UNCERTAIN JUST HOW MUCH FAITH
CAN PUT IN THAI ASSURANCES THAT "WE WANT AMERICANS,
BUT NOT THEIR MILITARY." OBSERVES THAT DESPITE
ASSURANCES FROM NEW THAI GOVT, US BUSINESS INVESTMENT
CONTINUES SINK TO DISMAL LEVELS AND AMCIT COMMUNITY
IS MAINTAINING LOW PROFILE. SO FAR, NO INDICATIONS
US FIRMS PULLING OUT -- THEY'RE STILL MAKING PROFITS;
BUT SINCE VN FALL, WAIT-AND-SEE ATTITUDE THEY
ADOPTED BEFORE INVESTING MORE MONEY IN THAI ECONOMY
HAS HARDENED.

TAMAKIN SEES US BUSINESS INTERESTS IN THAILAND, FOR
MOST PART, LOOKING AT SITUATION AS SHORT-TERM
PROPOSITION, HOPING MAKE PROFITS ON ANY FURTHER
INVESTMENTS WITHIN THREE YEARS. SAYS US BANKS
ONLY INTERESTED IN SHORT-TERM LENDING (YR OR LESS).
FINDS INVESTMENT DECLINE HAS BEGUN TAKE TOLL ON THAI
ECONOMY, WHICH IN MARCH NEEDED BORROW FROM WORLD
CAPITAL MARKET FOR FIRST TIME SINCE WWII.

TAMAKIN RECALLS YR AGO MOST BUSINESSMEN FELT WHEN US
INVESTMENT DRIED UP, JAPANESE WOULD QUICKLY PICK UP
SLACK; BUT NOW APPARENT NOT SO. SAYS JAPANESE, TOO,
ADMIT PRIVATELY THAT WITHDRAWAL US FORCES, GROWING
THAI NATIONALISM, HAVE MADE THEM NERVOUS.

17. INDOCHINA

PAPERS CONTINUE FEATURING INDOCHINA-1-YR-LATER STORIES,
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EDITORIALS. IN BANGKOK, CDN'S TAMARKIN (4/26) REVIEWS EVENTS OF YR AGO, CHANGES SINCE THEN CULMINATING IN ELECTIONS ON UNIFICATION. CHANDA (WP) FINDS SAIGON STILL MUCH SAME, IN CONTRAST TO COUNTRYSIDE WHERE REMARKABLE CHANGES TAKING PLACE. NOTES VISITORS SAIGON SURPRISED BY SOFT APPROACH TAKEN BY AUTHORITIES, WITH MARKET FORCES STILL DOMINATING ECONOMY. QUOTES EUR OBSERVER THAT BY PRAGMATIC POLICY, GOVT AVERTS POSSIBLE UPRISING. OPINES REAL INTEGRATION NVN/SVN SOCIETIES MIGHT TAKE YEARS. TREASTER (NYT) QUOTES ITALIAN JOURNALIST WHO RECENTLY VISITED SVN

THAT LIFE WORSE NOW THAN DURING WAR IN TERMS FOOD, COMMODITIES, COMFORT; SHIFT TOWARD COMMUNIST SOCIETY BEING PRESSED MOST GRADUALLY IN SAIGON. BUTTERFIELD (NYT) NOTES VAST GROUPS SHIFTED IN YR SINCE WAR'- END:PROF REPAIRS PICYCLES AFTER SCHOOL CLOSED; LAWYER CLEARS JUNGLE AFTER PROFESSION ABOLISHED; MAJOR'S WIFE SELLS HOUSE, POSSESSIONS, AFTER HUSBAND LEFT FOR 3-WK RE-EDUCATION COURSE LAST JUNE, HASN'T RET RINED. REVIEWS CHANGES SINCE WAR'S END, NOTES LACK VIOLENCE, THOUGH ALTERATIONS SWEEPING, PAINFUL, RAPID, WITH MANY STRIPPED OF JOBS, POSSESSIONS, HOUSES, PENSIONS. SEES SVN IN TRANSITION BETWEEN DISCREDITED PAST, REVOLUTIONARY FUTURE.

GLOBE SAYS NOTHING LEFT OF US PRESENCE SVN BUT ACHING SCARS, BITTER MEMORIES. SEES US PRETENDING WAR NEVER OCCURRED, OR DIDN'T CONCERN US. NOTES PRES THREATENS VETO LEGISLATION LIFT TRADE EMBARGO. BELIEVES UNDERSTANDABLE STILL BITTERNESS IN US, BUT AMERICANS MUST FACE FACT HAS TO BE NORMALIZATION RELS SOONER OR LATER, AND IN OUR INTEREST BRING IT ABOUT. FEELS MAKES LITTLE SENSE FROM HUMANITARIAN POINT OF VIEW WITHHOLD AID FROM COUNTRY WE INVESTED BILLIONS IN, JUST BECAUSE DISAGREE WITH GOVT; BUSINESS, POLITICAL INTERESTS ALSO MUST BE CONSIDERED. POINTS OUT US MADE TOO MANY MISTAKES IN ASIA IN PAST; STATES MUST NOT PERPETUATE ANOTHER BY MAINTAINING ALOOF ATTITUDE TOWARD PEOPLE, PROBLEMS INDOCHINA.

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LAT (4/29) REVIEWS CHANGES WROUGHT IN INDOCHINA BY WAR, EVENTS SINCE THEN, INCLUDING ELECTIONS, PROGRAMS RETURN PEOPLE TO LAND: IN CAMBODIA, AT GUNPOINT; IN VN, WITH

LESS DURESS SO FAR. NOTES EVENTS TRANSPIRED WITH REMARKABLE INDIFFERENCE IN US. POINTS OUT MIA QUESTION IS SERIOUS OBSTACLE TO NORMALIZATION; FAULTS USG FOR RENOUNCING "OWN PEACE OBLIGATIONS" TO GIVE AID.

PHILLIPS (BALTO N-A 4/29) SEES AVOIDANCE DEBATE OVER US INDOCHINA POLICY OR PAST AS ANOTHER SIGN "ESSENTIAL COWARDICE" 1976 PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS. POINTS OUT IF VN WAR DOES NOT EMERGE AS POLITICAL ISSUE, WILL BE MAJOR DEPARTURE FROM PAST IN US POLITICS. BELIEVES VN WAR DEAD DESERVE STUDY ROOT CAUSES OF DISASTER NO MATTER HOW MANY INEPT LEADERS MAY BE EMBARRASSED ON HILL, IN PENTAGON, AMONG MAJOR MEDIA.

UC PROF SEABURY (WSJ) CONSIDERS ODD ASPECT VN WAR THAT BOTH MOST/LEAST COVERED IN HISTORY, DEPENDING ON WHETHER REFERRING TO COVERAGE FROM SAIGON OR HANOI. FINDS PECULIAR THAT DOCTRINAL DISPUTES OF '60S THAT TORE APART US LIBERAL ESTABLISHMENT SO COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN: INCLUDING DOMINO THEORY, THAT HAPPENED SO SUDDENLY THAT REIFICATION PASSED ALMOST WITHOUT NOTICE; BLOODBATH THEORY THAT REMAINED AMUSING UNTIL GIVEN LIFE IN CAMBODIA; SHIFT FROM DENOUNCIATION US WORLD DOMINATION TO NEW CONVICTION THAT IMPOTENCE ADMITTED. BELIEVES NO ONE IN US WANTS THINK ABOUT VN EXPERIENCE; HAS BECOME DOGMA, "NO MORE VIETNAMS," THAT HAS SEVERAL MEANINGS. CONCLUDES US NEEDS THINK, ACT WISELY IN WORLD WITHOUT "REFRACTING THRO;GH VIETNAMESE LENSES."

LOFTON (PHINQ) RECALLS OPPONENTS OF CONTINUED US MIL AID TO CAMBODIA POOH -POOHED BLOODBATH IDEA. QUOTES NYT'S WICKER, SENS HUMPHREY, MCGOVERN. STATES WHAT IS HAPPENING THERE NOW IS GENOCIDE, ACCORDING "TIME" MAG, FRANCE'S LEFTIST "LE MONDE," ABC NEWS. ASKS EXPLANATION FROM CRITICS US MIL AID ABOVE ABOUT HOW COULD HAVE BEEN SO WRONG.

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18. GENERAL

FROM BANGKOK, LAT'S MACARTHUR (IN PHINQ) OBSERVES "NEAR-PANIC" THAT SPREAD THROUGH SEA WHEN COMMUNISTS TOOK OVER SVN HAS SUBSIDED -- "PERHAPS PREMATURELY" -- BECAUSE VN, LAOS, CAMBODIA HAVE, SO FAR, STUCK TO OWN INTERNAL PROBLEMS, LEFT NEIGHBORS ALONE. BELIEVES UNWARLIKE BEHAVIOR MAKES IT EASY "CONSIDERABLY OVERSIMPLIFY" LONG-TERM GOALS OF LEADERS BEHIND ASIA'S EXTENDED IRON CURTAIN, BUT AGREES PREDICTIONS OF IMMEDIATE COMMUNIST

DOMINATION OF AREA WERE HASTY. SO FAR, HAVE NOT
MADE MAJOR EFFORT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF NEIGHBORS' INSURGENCIES.
SUGGESTS THERE IS SOME TIME, BUT NOT MUCH, FOR SEA STATES
GET ON WITH OWN INTERNAL REPAIRS TO ELIMINATE DOMESTIC
CAUSES OF INSURGENCY.

"ONE YEAR AFTER" CSM'S SOUTHERLAND, IN HK, FINDS
POTENTIAL "DOMINOES" STILL STANDING. NOTES IMPACT OF
US DEFEAT IN SVN MORE COMPLEX, AMBIGUOUS, THAN US
POLICYMAKERS EVER IMAGINED AT TIME "DOMINO THEORY"
EXPRESSED IN EISENHOWER ERA. BELIEVES RAPID COLLAPSE
SAIGON REGIME DID SHAKE CONFIDENCE MANY NON-COMMUNIST

ASIANS IN AMERICAN STAYING POWER, CONVINCED SOME OWN
FATE DEPENDS, ULTIMATELY, ON OWN EFFORTS COPE WITH
INTERNAL PROBLEMS. DOES NOT THINK DEFEAT MEANS US
LEAVING FIELD ENTIRELY TO PRC, SOV. ASIAN LEADERS
WANT US STAY TO PROVIDE BALANCE, AND EVEN PRC HAS
QUIETLY MADE KNOWN DOES NOT OBJECT, FOR TIME BEING,
TO US BASES REMAINING SEA. NOTES BIG QUESTION MARK
HANGS OVER KOREA, WHERE NK CAPABLE LAUNCHING SURPRISE
ATTACK, AND PARK OF TAKING FULL ADVANTAGE SK FEARS
OF INVASION. OBSERVES PUBLIC OPINION JAPAN LESS ANTI-
MILITARY, PUBLIC DISCUSSION DEFENSE POLICIES MORE
ACTIVE/OPEN THAN BEFORE.

GLOBE'S SNOW, AFTER TRIP TO "ASIA -- ONE YEAR LATER",
DESCRIBES A MIXTURE "APPREHENSION, RESIGNATION AND
RELIEF" THAT GREETED END OF WAR. GOT OVERRIDING
IMPRESSION OF ASIANS' "DIMINISHED FAITH" IN US WILL,
FURTHER WEAKENED BY ANGOLA. FOUND ASIANS UNSURE OF
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ASPIRATION OF TWO MAJOR COMMUNIST POWERS, BUT VIEW PRC
"AFTER ALL" AS ASIAN. NOTES LEE KUAN YEW CONCERN THAT
SOV, PRC MAY EACH TRY FILL PERCEIVED VACUUM FOLLOWING
US WITHDRAWAL, PRIMARILY TO PREVENT OTHER FROM DOING SO.
NOTES END OF WAR PRODUCED COMPULSION AMONG ASIANS
ACT FOR SELVES, INSTEAD OF BEING ACTED UPON. SISCO

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